

# THE JARHEAD JOURNAL

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## INAUGURAL PIG ROAST 2023

**Where-** Al & Kathi Seyler's house  
14304 Deer Creek Road  
Wadsworth, Il. 60083

**When-** Saturday - August 26<sup>th</sup>  
1:00pm -Snacks & Drinks  
3:00pm- Pig Picking

**What to Bring-** Bag chair -Dessert to pass  
-BYOB-Wine & Appetite

**Cost** 0 - Zero -Zip . We stood at Jewel and shook the can to raise money. Thank you

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| Quartermaster:          |                     |
| Web Sgt.:               | Mel Ellingsen       |
| Fun Chairman:           | Al Seyler           |

Our next meeting is scheduled for

11 July (Tuesday)

**Start Time 1830**

**Steven's Restaurant**

**INAUGURAL PIG**  
**ROAST 2023**

Will you be joining us? We'd like to see everyone enjoy the afternoon at our 1st Annual Pig Roast. See more details on page 10.



*Pit Boss Al Seyler  
says "Join us for a good  
time".*

**Where Stuff Is**

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**COMMANDANT'S COMMENTS**

I AM A MARINE

NEVER GIVE UP! NEVER SURRENDER!

It's Summertime....Summertime....Sum....Sum....Summertime!

Oorah!!

What to do with the Summertime Blues?

A Marine mindset refuses to lose!

Our fighting spirit to continue and overcome all obstacles in front of us gives Marines an unwavering grit to never quit.

Our Esprit de Corps as a Marine family fighting together in a collective cause gives us a united force to victory.

So come out and "Shake the Can", march in a parade with our Color Guard, recruit a Marine or FMF Corpsmen to join you at a monthly detachment meeting.

Whatever you do this Summer, just do it with a Marine mindset!

Semper Fi

Charles Walgreen

Commandant

**CHAPLAIN'S CORNER**

Chaplain's Message June 2023

The month of June (Latin Junius); the name given to the first month of summer by the ancient Romans, is slowly slipping away. Many significant days comprise the month including National Flag Day and Father's Day.

It is also recognized as Men's Health Month and Brain Awareness Month! None of us are getting any younger and now is an ideal time to address any health issues we or a loved one may have experienced. A health screening or awareness event is the first step in helping us become more aware and involved in achieving and maintaining good health.

As we enjoy the warm days and cool evenings, the visits to the beach, camping and the great outdoors, ice cream and fresh fruit and special time with family; let us not forget to thank our Lord for making all of this possible.

This is also a perfect time to extend a greeting to those less fortunate than ourselves. It never hurts to share a smile and a handshake.

Finally, with smoke enveloping our area from the Canadian fires it is wise to limit our exposure to the outside, and if necessary to be out, wear a mask.

Semper Fi!

Joe Womack

Chaplain

## **Are you ready to Shake the Can?**

Our primary source of money which we use to pay for our social events such as the Pig Roast, St Paddy's Day dinner, USMC Birthday celebration, Officer Installation Dinner and the Memorial Day Picnic comes from the donations we receive when we Shake the Can at our local Jewel Foods stores. We don't expect our members to attend every collection event but you are certainly welcome to try. Please join us for a couple of hours. By the way, standing at the Jewel with your Marine brothers can become a social event all by itself. We all have a story to tell and share with those collecting. Be sure to wear your MCL red cover and/or red shirt. Other USMC clothing items clearly point out to the store patrons that we are Marines and Corpsman worthy of their donations.

**All collections are at Jewel Foods Stores and run from 1000 until 1500 on Saturdays.**

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| <b>Jul 8</b>  | <b>Libertyville 1300 S. Milwaukee Ave.</b>   |
| <b>Jul 15</b> | <b>Mundelein 1150 W. Maple Ave.</b>          |
| <b>Jul 22</b> | <b>Waukegan-Greenbay 922 N. Greenbay Rd.</b> |
| <b>Aug 5</b>  | <b>Grayslake 885 E. Belvidere Rd</b>         |
| <b>Aug 12</b> | <b>Libertyville 1300 S. Milwaukee Ave.</b>   |
| <b>Aug 19</b> | <b>Gurnee Hunt Club Rd.</b>                  |

### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE MEETING DATE CHANGES**

**11 July 2023 - 2nd Tuesday!!!**

**15 August 2023 - 3rd Tuesday**

**26 September - 4th Tuesday - Election of Officers**

**17 October - 3rd Tuesday - Installation Dinner**



**WELCOME  
ABOARD**



Jonathan Kellogg joined in June after we encouraged his membership following his key-note speech at the Lindenhurst Memorial Day program. He was discharged as a Corporal having served as a military policeman (3 years) and marksmanship instructor (one year). He was deployed three times in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Following his service, he earned both a bachelor's degree and a master's degree. He lives in Lindenhurst with his wife and children. He is a Veteran Service Office with the Lake County VAC.





## EAGLE SCOUTS



Following USMC tradition, after cutting the cake the oldest Eagle and the youngest Scout get a piece of cake. We're still in Covid protocol so one piece each; no take a bite and pass it. Notice how the Ka-Bar sheath is already on the left Eagle's belt. Joe Wallace made the presentation.



## COLOR & HONOR GUARD



### Color and Honor Guard

Current and Past Color Guard Commanders were presented with autographed pictures at Wrigley Field by Tom Ricketts, CEO Chicago Cubs.

We practice on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 1830-2nd floor at the American Legion-Gurnee. It would be great if you could joins us and practice just to see if you remember how to march and do the manual of arms. It would be fun!!!!

Ed Mampe Color Guard Commander  
PH# 847-641-9689



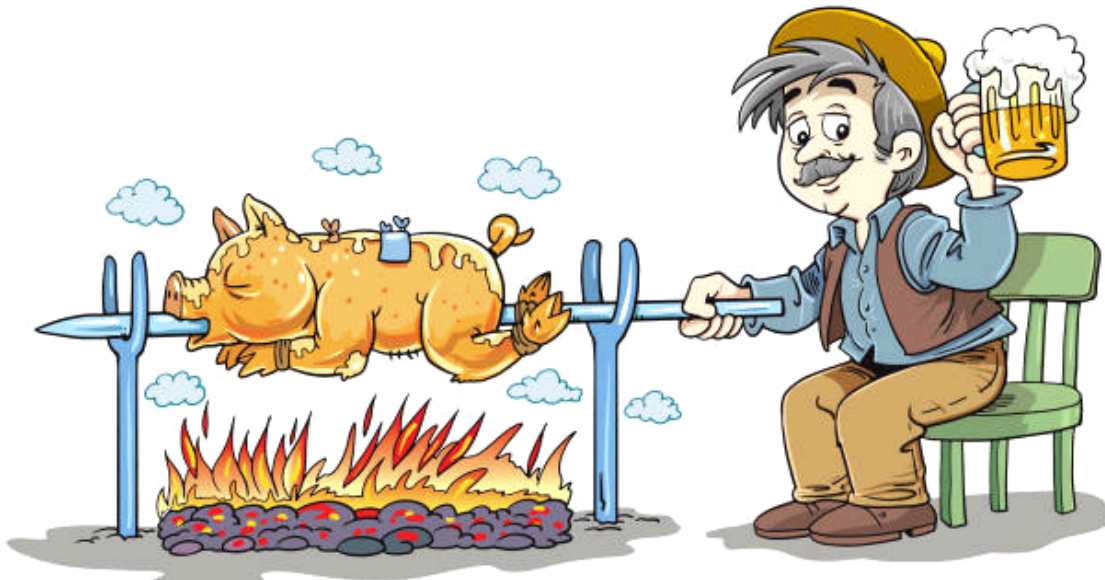
## CAPTAIN JAMES A. LOVELL FHCC VISITS



Here's Chuck Butrim. Greg Cummings, Nada Sydow, Mary Carmody and Don Bahe.

Hello fellow Marine Corps League members. Hospital visits are still a no go. Veterans closet is still giving food and clothing away to those in need. [Click here for their website.](#)

Greg Cummings



## **PIG ROAST DETAILS**

We will not be celebrating any holiday. We will not have a Color Guard. There will be no formal speeches...or Agenda.

### **What will we do?**

We will just have our Members and their spouse/guest and have a fun day. Relax, laugh, swap stories. Get to know and enjoy each other.

### **We will eat.**

We will have a WHOLE PIG rotating over a fire on a spit. We will have Baked Beans, Cold Slaw and rolls. Please bring a dessert to pass and a lawn / bag chair to sit on.

### **We will drink.**

We will have cold soft drinks, beer and coffee. BYOB and wine.

### **We will play.**

Games such as Bago, Horseshoes, Badminton will be set up. We'll also have Bubble Blowing, Hula-Hoop and other things to do.

**MARINE CORPS LEAGUE LAKE COUNTY DETACHMENT 801**

***Lake County Detachment Marine Corps League Foundation, Inc***

Officers and Directors

President- Al Seyler  
Treasurer- Mel Ellingsen  
Secretary- Jerry Pedrin

Directors

Jim Sroka, Ed Mampe, Warren Blacklock, Col. Jim Swab,  
Charles Walgreen and Joe Wallace.

We are sponsoring a hole at the Al Lynch Golf Outing, Swinging for Vets being held on 18 August. The donation/sponsorship includes a foursome to play in the scramble at White Deer Run GC. They will not serve dinner in order to make more money for the Vets.

If you are interested in playing golf, please email or call me. The Board of Directors will decide who goes based on the individual's help to the Detachment.

We will hold the Boatload of Booze raffle next year. We can start collecting Booze now. When you go out, ask about donations.

There are no outstanding requests for assistance at this time.

Al Seyler  
President  
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## MARINE CORPS LEAGUE LAKE COUNTY DETACHMENT 801



EmbraceTheFuture'23

and

then

“SMED”

said ....

In case any of you missed this, it was in the Spring issue of SEMPER FI magazine, written by National Vice Commandant, Mideast Division, Rick Thomason. It struck me as being spot on, and I would like to share it with you....

“Do you ever think about why the windshield of your car is so large and the rear-view mirror is so small? It is probably because what is in front of you is much more important than what you have left behind. It is true with every aspect of your life. Whether it is your Marine past or your civilian world. We can look back and talk about how we love the old days, but the old days will not love you back. Only if you look forward to the next stage of your life with optimism and a smile will there be true happiness. I know I am probably preaching to the choir, but it is true.

“In the MCL, we tend to hang in the past with our ideas of what is right and how things should be done. Well, we need to turn that around and look to the future. The Marine Corps is not living in the past, it is a rapidly developing, multifaceted, warfare machine that keeps bringing new equipment and techniques into today’s world. That should be the Marine Corps League also. We must develop new methodology for recruitment of new members. We must increase the awareness of the Marine Corps League in the eyes of the public. We must look to the new and reflect on the old to avoid making the same mistakes. Do not be part of the problem by thinking, it worked in the past. So did throwing rocks and pointed sticks for self-defense. Do not be the neanderthal in the group that refuses to accept change. It is inevitable. There will be change, and those who refuse to change will be left behind. Embrace technology in your everyday life. Learn how to utilize fileable PDFs (portable document files) offered on the national MCL website. They are there to make it easier for you to fill out and clearer for the ones at national headquarters to read. If you do not know how to save it to your computer or create an email distribution list for your detachment, ask your grandchild how. (They were born with that knowledge, I think.)

“Share the world of the future with the rest of your detachment. What you think as insignificant may be the very document, link, or bit of information someone else needs. They should be the one to decide. If they do not want to read it, all they must do is hit ‘Delete’ and it is gone. But let them decide for themselves.”

Marine Thomason made me stop and reflect on how I may have related to some issues in the past. Hope you have enjoyed reading this and perhaps think about these points also.

SEMPER FIDELIS - SMED



***Related Military Links to Click***

**Midwest Veterans Closet**

**US Department of Veterans Affairs**

**Lake County Veterans Assistance Commission**

**Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs**

**Marine Corps League Headquarters**

**Honor Flight Lake County**

**Illinois Marine**

**VFW Action Corps Weekly**

**American Legion**

**Sgt Grit**

**PTSD Resources**

**Past copies of the Jarhead Journal can be viewed here:**

**[www.lakecountymarines.com/newsletters](http://www.lakecountymarines.com/newsletters)**

## Marine Corps League (MCL) Resources

### Websites:

[www.mclnational.org](http://www.mclnational.org) – MCL national website – **SHIPS STORE**

[www.mcleaguelibrary.org](http://www.mcleaguelibrary.org) – MCL national public documents / resources

[www.mcleaguelibrary.org/member-library](http://www.mcleaguelibrary.org/member-library) - Password (DD2), library holds meeting minutes, forms, national bylaws / administrative procedures manuals to include MCL uniform guidance and MCL awards guidance, etc.

\_\_\_\_\_ <https://theillinoismarine.com> \_\_\_\_\_ Department website

\_\_\_\_\_ <https://lakecountymarines.com> \_\_\_\_\_ Detachment website

### Facebook:

[www.facebook.com/mclnational](http://www.facebook.com/mclnational) - MCL National

[www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064587650733](http://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064587650733) Chicago Area MC Co-Council

[www.facebook.com/groups/67134899955](http://www.facebook.com/groups/67134899955) 2<sup>nd</sup> District Facebook

[www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100068070852934](http://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100068070852934) Department Facebook

[www.facebook.com/groups/48678176402](http://www.facebook.com/groups/48678176402) Detachment Facebook Page

[www.facebook.com/groups/mclhonorguardandcolorguard](http://www.facebook.com/groups/mclhonorguardandcolorguard) - MCL Honor Guard / Color Guard

[www.facebook.com/groups/447677227018622](http://www.facebook.com/groups/447677227018622) - MCL National Membership Committee

[www.facebook.com/groups/mcluniforms](http://www.facebook.com/groups/mcluniforms) - MCL Uniforms Buy-Sell-Trade

[www.facebook.com/groups/mclconnections](http://www.facebook.com/groups/mclconnections) - MCL Connections (MCL members only)

[www.facebook.com/groups/usmccollectibles](http://www.facebook.com/groups/usmccollectibles) - USMC Sell Your Sh\*\*!

### Other:

[www.youtube.com/themarinecorpsleague](http://www.youtube.com/themarinecorpsleague) - Click “subscribe” for new content

[www.instagram.com/hqmcl](http://www.instagram.com/hqmcl) – MCL national Instagram

[www.militaryorderofthedevildogs.org](http://www.militaryorderofthedevildogs.org) – MODD Kennel website

[www.nationalmcla.org](http://www.nationalmcla.org) – MCL national Auxiliary

[www.linkedin.com/company/marine-corps-league](http://www.linkedin.com/company/marine-corps-league) - MCL national LinkedIn

*We encourage you all as members to visit these websites and social media pages. Take a look around and know all the resources available to you on these platforms. Please share this information with all members not only in leadership positions, but your Detachment members.*

*Questions about any of these resources can be addressed directly to the **MCL** National Public Relations Committee for assistance.*

[publicrelations@mcleague.org](mailto:publicrelations@mcleague.org)